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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE KINSMEN BEAR EXHIBIT

The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo invites the public to attend the official opening of the Kinsmen Bear Exhibit on Tuesday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m.

The new exhibit is home to Koda and Mistaya, two Grizzly bear cubs orphaned in 2005.

Mistaya is the sole surviving cub from Bear 66 who died in Banff National Park in 2005. He remained in the wild until it became clear that he could not survive without intervention. Koda was an orphaned cub from the Jasper/Hinton area who, after his rescue, was nurtured by zookeepers at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. The cubs were paired at the Calgary Zoo until they found a permanent home in Saskatoon.

The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo has completed the finishing touches on a large new enclosure for the two young bears. It includes a pond and provides lots of space for them to continue digging, wrestling, and romping.

Please join us in welcoming Koda and Mistaya to their new home.

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